



**NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Wildland fire update for Northwest Colorado**

Craig, Colo. – Of the 20 wildland fires reported yesterday only three remain uncontained. The largest is the 87 acre Long Fire about 25 miles northwest of Meeker. It started on State land burned onto Bureau of Land Management land. Assigned to the fire is one Bureau of Land Management engine, two Colorado Juniper Valley 20-person fire crews, one from Rifle and one from Canyon City and Moffat County Sheriff's Office. The fire is burning in grass with scattered juniper trees. It was lightning caused with no structures threatened.

Today two new lightning caused wildfires have been reported. Both are located in Rio Blanco County on BLM land. The Dragon Fire was contained at 10:20 a.m. at one tenth acre. The Steward Fire is expected to be contained later this evening and is less than one tenth acre.

The Four Mile Fire was declared 100% contained at 1 p.m. today, and remains 1,026 acres.

Hold-overs from recent lightning are a possibility for new reports of wildland fires. A hold-over occurs when lightning strikes but conditions don't support immediate flame visibility. The heat from the strike can remain for a few days before flames are visible.

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*Note: Wildland fire updates are dependent upon significant fire activity and events*